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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON

SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MFA ON AUGUST 5, 1977. FOLLOWING PARTICULARLY CORDIAL OPENING REMARKS, PATTERSON INDICATED INTEREST IN THE CREATION OF SMALL NEGOTIATING GROUPS WITHIN THE U.N. SYSTEM TO TAKE UP WHERE THE CIEC LEFT OFF. HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE ZIONISM ISSUE WHICH HE STATED IS INSEPARABLY LINKED TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. PATTERSON BELIEVES THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH DIFFERENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS BUT CANNOT BE ENJOYED WITHOUT ECONOMIC RIGHTS. IT WAS AGREED TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY ON AUGUST 6, 1977. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING A CALL ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND A LUNCH AT JAMAICA HOUSE ON AUGUST 5, AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AMBASSADOR IRVING, MESSRS. HORMATS, EINAUDI, ACTION DIRECTOR BROWN, LATIN AMERICAN ADID ADMINISTRATOR VALDEZ AND MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) PERMANENT SECRETARY FRANCES, MINISTER OF STATE FOR
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TOURISM STEPHENSON, PARLIMENTARY SECRETARY FOR TRADE HEAVEN AND SIX OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE MFA. IN A PARTICULARLY CORDIAL OPENING STATEMENT, PATTERSON WELCOMED THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S INTEREST IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR AND SATISFACTION WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT. FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON SAID THAT HE HAD NO FORMAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING AND THAT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS

BETWEEN JAMAICA AND THE U.S. HE SUGGESTED HOWEVER THAT A NUMBER OF AREAS INCLUDING THE NIEO AND DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA BE DISCUSSED IN THE AUGUST 6 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY.

2. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID THAT JAMAICA IS AN IMPORTANT THIRD WORLD LEADER AND AS AN EXAMPLE CITED THE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH JAMAICA PLAYED IN OVERCOMING THE MOOD OF CYNISIM WHICH PREVAILED AT THE PARIS TALKS. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF JAMAICAN VIEWS AND THE NEED TO WORK FOR A CONSENSUS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD COME WITH NO AXE TO GRIND, NOTHING TO SEEL AND THAT WE NEED TO LEARN HOW WE CAN RELATE TO JAMAICAN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

3. IN RESPONSE TO YOUNG'S QUERY ABOUT HOW PATTERSON SEES POST-CIEC DEVELOPMENT, PATTERSON STRESSED THE NEED TO DEVELOP SMALL EXPERT NEGOTIATING GROUPS WITHIN THE U.N. SYSTEM. HE CITED THE NECESSITY OF WORKING WITHIN A CONTEXT SMALLER THAN THE COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE WHICH MAKE NEGOTIATIONS SO DIFFICULT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S COMMENTS ON THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE, PATTERSON STATED THAT THE ZIONISM ISSUE IS INSEPARABLY LINKED TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND THERE IS A TENDENCY FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO USE THIS ISSUE. JAMAICA ABSTAINED ON RESOLUTION 3379, AND CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT

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THE ZIONISM ISSUE CAN BE ISOLATED FROM APARTHEID ISSUES. PATTERSON WAS UNABLE TO PREDICT WHETHER THESE ZIONISM ISSUES WOULD ARISE AT THE LAGOS CONFERENCE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO YOUNG'S QUESTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PATTERSON STATED THAT JAMAICA HAS A CLEAR AND PRINCIPLED POSITION. IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CANNOT BE ENJOYED WITHOUT ECONOMIC RIGHTS BUT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH DIFFERENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS. JAMAICA INTENDS TO MAKE ITS VOICE HEARD, AND HUMAN RIGHTS IS ONE AREA WHERE U.S.-JAMAICAN INTERESTS COINCIDE.

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